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Oswaldo da Costa e Silva et al. )  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed April 15, 2003, Applicants submit the present amendments and remarks, and respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the remaining claims.

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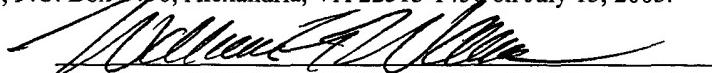
**AMENDMENTS****In the Claims**

Please cancel Claims 41, 45, 55, 58, and 62 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend Claims 42-44, 46-54, 56, 57, 59-61, and 63 as follows:

1. (Cancelled)
  2. (Cancelled)
  3. (Cancelled)
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